

City of Joliet Questionnaire for 2023 District Candidates

- 1. Please list your top three priorities / initiatives of action once elected. Continue the current water project, see the Houbolt road extension completed, and the downtown street scape project completed.
- 2. What type of working relationship do you plan to have with neighborhood groups? Very good, I attend all meetings and answer all questions and meet with any homeowner that calls me about their issues.
- 3. Please share your thoughts on possible economic development opportunities within your district. The hospital TIF district has not taken off and continue to work on the Jefferson Street corridor.
- 4. What would you do to improve the overall safety of citizens in your district and in the City of Joliet? Work on hiring more police so we could have more neighborhood policing.

5. Do you feel there is adequate affordable housing options in your district and the city? Yes, and we as a city need to make sure that we understand any current project the federal government is offering funding and our zoning requirements met the city's needs.

- 6. Share with us your background and what unique qualities you believe you possess that stand out from the other candidates. I have 8 years of experience on the City Council. I have lived in Joliet my entire life I have been in private business here in Joliet working with the citizens for over 50 years.
- Have you previously or are you currently serving on a governing board such as a business, nonprofit, other government, or a religious or education organization? I am on the Workforce Investment Board of Will County.

8. If so, how would this experience prepare you for this role and if not, do you believe this lack of experience would be a concern for voters?

The workforce investment board works with private citizens with job training and businesses to help them find qualified employees.

- 9. What level of interaction do you plan to hold with constituents and do you feel that you have the ability to be continually accessible?I have been and will continue to be available to the residents in my district or anywhere in the city of Joliet. My job gives me the availability to meet with residents at anytime.
- 10. Do you believe that the city is providing quality services such as water, garbage removal, sewer, snow removal, and infrastructure?We are at the top of the list we will match up very well against any other city of our size.
- 11. How would you work to improve communication with the citizens of Joliet? Help establish more neighborhood homeowner associations.
- 12. What strategic alliances can be explored and/or better utilized? Do you feel the city has a solid relationship with county, state, and federal elected officials? Please explain why or why not and how that can be improved.I feel we do have a good relationship, but it can always be improved we should designate a member of the staff to be a liaison to other elected officials.
- 13. Do you have any conflicts of interest that would prevent you from participating in council business?Council business no, City business yes.
- 14. How do we maintain and enhance Joliet's position as a complete community with a thriving commercial and retail sector, highly ranked schools, diverse workforce, affordable housing, vibrant and walkable neighborhoods, and plenty of opportunities for recreation?

This is a goal that every city should have. We need to continue to work on a comprehensive plan for the entire city of Joliet not just the downtown district.